



Motor Gasoline Watch

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SUPPLY

- An increase in demand resulted in a decline in stocks last week. Total motor gasoline stocks fell 4.2 million barrels to end the week at 187.6 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline were down 1.2 million barrels to 37.3 million barrels as stocks of other finished gasoline dropped 2.5 million barrels to 107.4 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 41.9 million barrels, 0.5 million barrels below the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 16.0 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 521 thousand barrels per day of which 124 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 250 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	08/25/00	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/17/99	08/25/00	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/17/99
East Coast (PADD I)	1,041	1,007	1,005	974	1,004	637	621	664	600	609
Midwest (PADD II)	1,978	1,810	1,876	1,813	1,949	278	259	271	256	264
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,544	3,528	3,422	3,609	3,653	765	634	674	600	688
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	288	289	275	272	242	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,444	1,422	1,461	1,463	1,424	997	1,012	1,001	1,036	993
U.S. Total	8,295	8,057	8,040	8,132	8,271	2,677	2,526	2,610	2,492	2,554

Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	08/25/00	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/15/99	08/25/00	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/15/00	09/15/99
East Coast (PADD I)	51.0	51.3	48.8	48.6	54.5	15.2	17.4	16.0	14.7	16.7
Midwest (PADD II)	52.0	49.7	50.4	48.5	55.3	2.2	2.1	2.4	2.1	1.9
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	60.2	61.3	59.8	57.8	59.2	11.3	9.2	9.7	9.9	10.4
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	5.8	6.1	5.7	5.7	5.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	27.4	27.1	27.1	27.0	28.9	10.7	10.2	10.5	10.6	11.3
U.S. Total	196.4	195.5	191.8	187.6	203.6	39.4	39.0	38.5	37.3	40.3

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PRICES

- Gasoline spot and futures prices eased last week, despite a further increase in crude oil prices to new 10-year highs. Crude oil market activity reflected continued concerns over the adequacy of OPEC's 800,000-barrel-per-day quota increase to bring supply into balance with demand, as well as new Middle East tensions stemming from Iraq's claims that Kuwait is stealing oil from its border fields. California prices again dropped back sharply from post-Labor Day peaks on refinery concerns, returning to mid-August levels. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline fell 2.20 cents for the week to 97.68 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price dropped 17.50 cents to 122.50 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline rose for the fifth straight week, but only by 0.1 cent, to 156.2 cents per gallon as of September 18, 2000. The average stands at its highest level since July 10, and 29.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Price changes were mixed, but relatively small, across most regions and formulations.

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	08/28/00	09/05/00	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/20/99	08/28/00	09/05/00	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/20/99
New York	91.58	¹ 98.73	99.88	97.68	68.40	102.30	¹ 104.10	99.98	97.78	67.15
Chicago	93.75	¹ 99.29	96.84	94.50	65.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	88.35	¹ 95.00	95.63	91.36	63.75	93.00	¹ 97.60	101.45	94.73	68.88
Los Angeles	124.00	¹ 158.00	135.00	117.50	63.00	131.00	¹ 165.00	140.00	122.50	66.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

¹ Spot prices are as of September 5, 2000, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	08/28/00	09/04/00	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/20/99	08/28/00	09/04/00	09/11/00	09/18/00	09/20/99
East Coast (PADD I)	142.5	144.5	147.9	148.5	120.6	157.7	157.6	159.1	159.0	127.7
Midwest (PADD II)	142.8	151.9	155.3	155.4	125.5	141.7	153.8	155.0	153.5	131.0
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	141.6	142.7	146.2	146.6	120.1	143.2	143.4	145.1	145.2	118.6
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	155.5	156.2	158.6	162.1	137.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	165.0	168.8	170.9	170.9	138.8	169.5	177.8	183.6	182.2	141.4
U.S. Average	144.7	149.7	152.9	153.4	124.7	155.5	160.5	163.2	162.4	131.1

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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